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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A preformed heat shrinking protective cover for a saw blade includes first and second portions each having opposite inner and outer surfaces. The second portion extends from the first portion at an angle relative to the first portion. The first and second portions are configured and adapted for a saw blade to be positioned in contact with the inner surface of the first portion. The first and second portions are made from a heat shrinking material so that when heat is applied to the cover, the second portion shrinks and folds over the first portion with the inner surfaces facing each other and teeth on a saw blade can be retained between the first and second portions. The resulting cover is close fitting and reduces the overall thickness of a saw blade with a protective cover.